February 29, 2020 Open House

Fulton Street Safety & Transit Project



On February 29, 2020, more than 50 people participated in a community open house for the Fulton Street Safety and Transit Project at Argonne Elementary School. District 1 Supervisor Fewer attended, along with residents, the San Francisco Department of Recreation & Parks, and advocacy groups including the San Francisco Bike Coalition (SFBC) and Walk San Francisco (Walk SF). Following a short introduction to the project from Supervisor Fewer and SFMTA staff, attendees shared their thoughts and ideas about the proposed projects on Fulton Street by leaving post-it notes on plan views and boards, submitting comment cards, and speaking to SFMTA employees.

Participants left over 200 comments with feedback on the proposed project and suggestions for improving or enhancing the proposals. The intersections of 22nd, 43rd, 8th and Arguello attracted the most comments, while speeding and pedestrian visibility were the top concerns mentioned by participants. Attendees were generally in favor of proposed daylighting (removal of parking spaces at corners) and sidewalk bulbouts to increase visibility. Attendees provided positive feedback as well as recommendations and strategies to further improve safety on Fulton Street. Participants left 51 comments regarding daylighting and painted safety zones (PSZs), 23 on traffic and pedestrian signals, 19 on reducing speed limits, 15 on bike routes and infrastructure, 13 on traffic restrictions, 10 on crosswalks, and 10 on turn restrictions.

Response to Feedback

Based on open house feedback, the SFMTA is revising the project proposal.

- Extend daylighting at twelve intersections.
 - o At five signalized intersections (18th, 22nd, 28th, 30th, 36th and 47th Avenues), the southbound approach to Fulton Street on the intersecting avenue will be daylighted.
 - o Daylighting on Fulton Street will be extended on Willard, 11th, 19th, 44th, 46th, 47th, and 48th Avenues.
- At seven locations, (4th, 10th, 24th, 25th, 26th, 37th, and 46th Avenues) painted safety zones will be added to enhance existing and proposed daylighting.
- Move the proposed westbound speed radar sign from between 42nd and 43rd Avenues to between 40th and 41st Avenues.
- On 10th Avenue, establish a new class III bike route between Cabrillo and Fulton and install a bike signal head at 10th Avenue and Fulton, creating a new bicycle entrance to Golden Gate Park and an alternative to 8th Avenue.
- Finally, the SFMTA will make several signal changes.
 - o Remove the pedestrian push button at 22nd Avenue, adjust the walking speed at Stanyan to the SFMTA standard of 3 miles per hour, and add a leading pedestrian interval at Park Presidio.
 - Other active SFMTA projects will provide other signal changes, including the addition of accessible pedestrian signals at 8th, 10th, 30th, and 36th Avenues and new countdown signals at 30th and 36th Avenues.

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Key Issues & Comments:

- Visibility (62 comments)
 - I like the bus bulbs both for safety and saving time.
 - Love the daylighting, love the transit bulbs, love the painted safety zones- lets add them at every NE corner and SW corner w/ turns into the park, saving lives and preventing crashes is more important than parking. I never want to hit someone or be hit because the road is unsafe.
 - Love the daylighting! Especially at non signalized crossings.
 - o Strongly in favor of daylighting, painted safety zones, bulb outs and the project in general.
- Speeding (51 comments)
 - o More speed limit signs. (25th Avenue)
 - o High speed left turns and cut through on 42nd Ave. (42nd Avenue)
 - The is great progress. Would love: more traffic calming, lower speed limit (25?), speed enforcement.
- Intersection Safety (36 comments)
 - o Can't cross the street safely for the playground. (10th Avenue)
 - o Age 8- I don't feel comfortable crossing Fulton. (3rd Avenue)
 - Cars don't stop between Arguello and 6th for people crossing without a lot of waiting. (4th Avenue)
- General Comments (31 comments)
 - These changes are a great start. Please install these safety measures ASAP to prioritize safety.
 - The express bus vibrates the street and is very disruptive to residents- it would be great to get the road repaved to smooth out the ridges, etc. thanks for paying attention to this street- it needs it!
- Connectivity (24 comments)
 - o 23rd Cabrillo to Lake important bike route.
 - Needs ped connections from intersection into the park. No safe sidewalk. (43rd Avenue)
- Parking (16 comments)
 - o Metered parking so people can access the park (instead of free long-term parking that doesn't turn over). (23rd Avenue)
- Bike Access (10 comments)
 - Also, happy to see bike signal at 22nd, please consider more traffic calming along this bike route.